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METHOD FOR MOULDING SEMI-FINISHED PIECES MADE FROM

OPEN-CELL MATERIAL

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 11, 2007, below is Applicants' discussion of the relevance of German reference DE 100 08 321 A1.

DE 100 08 321 A1 discloses a method for producing a hollow shaped part made of plastic. In this known method an expandable hollow element (16) is surrounded by a molding material (18) consisting of plastic, in particular of casting resin, and fibers, wherein said molding material (18) is capable of flowing. The expandable hollow element (16) is introduced together with the molding material (18) into a blow molding tool (10), wherein the expandable hollow element (16) is blown up so that the molding material (18) is expanded and contacts the inner surface of the blow molding tool (10). The expanded molding material (18) cures and forms a hollow shaped part.

DE 100 08 321 A1 contains no hint regarding the blow molding of semifinished products made of open-pored duroplastic, e.g. open-cell duroplastic foam.

Moreover, DE 100 08 321 A1 contains no hint regarding the production of several shaped parts during each shaping.

Because this Supplemental IDS is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required. However, if a fee should be required for this IDS, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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